

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims as filed with the claims set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-2. Canceled.

3. (Currently amended) A sheet material handling system comprising:
at least one support member having a substantially vertical support leg extending from a
substantially horizontal base;
a planar working surface connected to each support leg by a hinged connection which
allows pivoting of the planar working surface with respect to each vertical support leg along a
pivot axis; and
a latching member operatively associated with the base configured to lock the pivoting of
the planar working surface in a select position, wherein the hinged connection comprises:
a first tubular member attached to each vertical support leg;
a second tubular member attached to the planar working surface and positioned in line
with each first tubular members;
a shaft running through each first and the second tubular members connecting them such
that the second tubular member is free to pivot around the pivot axis with respect to each first
tubular member. ~~The sheet material handling system of claim 2 wherein the shaft is being~~
~~removable, allowing the separation of the planar work surface from the vertical support legs.~~

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7. (Currently amended) A sheet material handling system comprising:
at least one support member having a substantially vertical support leg extending from a
substantially horizontal base;
a planar working surface connected to each support leg by a hinged connection which
allows pivoting of the planar working surface with respect to each vertical support leg along a
pivot axis; and

a latching member operatively associated with the base configured to lock the pivoting of the planar working surface in a select position, the latching member comprising:

~~The sheet metal handling system of claim 1 wherein the latching member comprises:~~

a bar having first and second ends pivotally attached at the first end to a base, the second end being configured to align with a bracket on the underside of the planar work surface near its lengthwise edge, and

means for releasably attaching the second end of the bar to the bracket.